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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/832,884

Examiner

Evan Pert

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an internal "printer rush" noting an error in the N of A mailed 9-1-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2 and 5-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Supplemental Notice of Allowance

1. This Office Action corrects the Notice of Allowability mailed 9-1-04, wherein cancelled claim 3 was inadvertently "allowed."

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2 and 5-7 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of record, prior art discloses the act of testing pads that are electrically connected to bumps to avoid damage to bumps. That is, the pads get damaged, but the bumps do not.

A question about the usefulness of the "result" of the method could be raised. That is, the claimed structure is a result of previous testing that does not have a clear advantage in itself, as the claims are drawn to an artifact of a methodology of testing.

However, applicant persuades that the product-by-process KGD is distinguished from other KGD by certain artifacts that appear as part of the product when "thermal stress tolerance tested." By applicant's arguments, and the claim limitations, wire bond connections are used OR solder ball connections are used for thermal stress tolerance testing, such that residual wire bond connections appear disconnected and solder balls remain pristine after thermal stress tolerance testing or residual damage to solder ball connections is visible with bond pads remaining pristine.

Furthermore, applicant's arguments have made clear that applicant's invention can be distinguished from prior art by the meaning of "on the planar KGD surface" which, by applicant's arguments, is a meaning necessarily requiring the word "on" in the phrase "on the planar KGD surface" to mean "in contact on" (see arguments).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan Pert whose telephone number is 571-272-1969. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30AM-3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Tokar can be reached on 571-272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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ETP
August 23, 2004


EVAN PERT
PRIMARY EXAMINER